

Amendment, filed 8/27/09, has been entered.

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 8/27/09 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US 6,839,342 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-26 are allowed.

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